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SUBJ: CIVAIR: POSSIBLE SALE OF FRENCH EXECUTIVE JETS TO SYRIA

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1. WE, TOO, HAVE HEARD FAIRLY FIRM RUMORS FROM DAMASCUS CIVAIR CIRCLES THAT DASSAULT HAS SOLD TWO FALCON EXECUTIVE JETS TO SYRIA, PROBABLE DESTINATION SAF, FOR DELIVERY IN 1976. SUCH AIRCRAFT DEMONSTRATED HERE LATE LAST YEAR. TWO WELL-CONNECTED SYRIAN BUSINESSMEN, ONE A FORMER COMMANDER UP TO 1963 OF SAF (WADIH N. MOUKABARI, 3/19/75 MEMCON POUCHED NEA/ARN 3/24), REPORT THAT FRENCH INSISTED ON FALCON SALES AFTER BOEING OBTAINED \$105 MILLION 727/747SP SALE LAST NOVEMBER.

2. WE HAVE CONFIRMED SAF COMMANDER NAJI JAMIL RECEIVED AND STUFIED LATEST CESSNA CITATION 500 OFFER, MAILED THROUGH SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES (SAA) CHIEF PILOT CAPT TINAWI. IF SAF DID TAKE MORE EXPENSIVE AND LARGER FALCONS FOR VIP AND PILOT/NAVIGATION/COMMUNICATIONS TRAINERS, THERE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STILL MAY BE ROOM FOR SMALLER, LESS EXPENSIVE

TRAINER FOR SAA, EMBASSY AND RCC RCAA WILL PROBE FURTHER
DURING RCAA/FAA REPS VISIT DAMASCUS MARCH 27.
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